shown a spirit of accommodation indicating that if they are otherwise viable, some credit relaxation will be given to them. As regards the Advance Plan Assistance and other avenues, firstly, we are not in favour of the State Governments, whether Gujarat or others, taking over the responsibilities of those mills which are closing or have closed. If they, for various reasons, seek to do it from their own resources within the Plan or otherwise they want to rehabilitate them and we are convinced that they are viable enough, we will recommend their cases. What the State Governments do with their limited resources, we are not concerned with it.

*135. [*The questioner (Shri Mukhtiar Singh Malik) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 51—58 *infra*].

*136. [*The questioner (Shri Ashok Nath Verma) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 59—64 *infra*.]

*137. [*The questioner (Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy) was absent. For answer,* vide col. ..... infra.]

Meeting of Indo-Pak Sub-Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation

*138. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had made a suggestion for convening a meeting of the Indo-Pak sub-commission on trade and economic co-operation;

(b) if so, what is Pakistan Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the subjects likely to be covered during such talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Government of Pakistan has agreed to the convening of the Indo-Pak sub-commissions on Trade and Economic Cooperation on the 10th and 11th August, 1987, at New Delhi.

(c) Sub-Commission I deals with Economic matters (including Agriculture, Communications, Planning, Health and Shipping) and Sub-Commission II deals with trade.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Due to geographical fluctuations and historical reasons four decades ago it was necessary that there must be trade links between the two countries. In view of the present circumstances and the heightening of the activities of drug trafficking from that country, will the honourable Minister see that these things are taken up in these Sub-Commission meetings to prevent such trafficking in drugs so that this does not spoil the future of both the countries?

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Madam, I would like to give this assurance to the honourable Member that this is a very important matter and it has already been taken up at the SAARC meeting that we had and some constructive decisions were taken. But I think it is good idea that we take up this when the Sub-Commissions meet.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Sahu, you put your second supplementary.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Madam, I am putting my second supplementary. I would like to know what the main items of trade are which we want to develop actually, the items of trade which are going from this country and the items which are coming, which we positively want to discuss in the Sub-Commission. Do we have any broad guidelines fixed for taking up these things in the Sub-Commission?

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Yes, Madam, that is being done and the

lists of commodities and gooos that can be sent from one country to the other have been exchanged.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Gupta.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Madam, will the honourable Minister consider exporting to Pakistan *paan*?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next Question. Question No. 139. Mr. Kalmadi.

Delinking of Indian Police Service from the Combined Civil Services Examination

@*139. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering delinking the Indian Police Service from the Combied Civil Services Examination; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, there is a strong case for delinking the IPS from the Combined Civil Services Examination. In fact, Madam, the National Police Academy, the National Police Commission, the Kothari Commission, all these have recommended delinking and they have felt that there should be a system of recruitment which puts emphasis on mental and physical aptitudes as well as psychological aptitude for selection. Madam, you are aware that today all those who do not pass the IAS Examination then go to the IPS. So, we are not getting people who are motivated to join the IPS. That is why the various bodies like the National Police Academy, the Kothari Commission, etc. had recommended that there should be this delinking. I am surprised when he says that there is no such thing. I would like to request the Government to reconsider this in view of what I have said.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, the present system of examination for the recruitment to the Civil Services is working satisfactorily and the National Police Commission has not made any specific recommendation for the holding of a separate examination for direct recruitment to the IPS or for delinking the IPS from the Combined Civil Services Examination. In the light of this, I still repeat that the question does not arise.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes Mr. Kalmadi.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, for the entrance examination, the age-limit today is the same as for the IAS, that is, 26 years. Madam, for being in the IPS and for carrying out the job, we need people with physical fitness and aptitude for outdoor activity. I personally feel that the age-limit of 26 years is too far ahead. Would the Government consider reducing the age-limit much below 26 years, maybe 17 years or 18 years, in line with what we have in the National Defence Academy? Could we introduce a lower age-limit so that we can have a team of those people who are dedicated to the IPS and who lik to be in the IPS? Would the Government consider lowering the age-limit?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, these are the personal views of the honourable Minister which I have taken note of.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the next Question. Question No. 140. This is the last question.

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